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**From:** Yalung, Michelle [Michelle.Yalung@meritenergy.com]  
**Sent:** 9/8/2021 4:26:17 PM  
**To:** Brown, Christopher [Brown.Christopher.T@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Brinkerhoff 3A Application Question

Great news – thanks Chris!

Best regards,

**Michelle Yalung**

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**From:** Brown, Christopher <Brown.Christopher.T@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 8, 2021 11:10 AM  
**To:** Yalung, Michelle <Michelle.Yalung@meritenergy.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Brinkerhoff 3A Application Question

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Hi Michelle,

The public notice for the Tribal C-13 permit ended on 9/3/21; no comments were received. I routed the final permit for signatures earlier this morning; I expect it will be issue in the next week or so.

The permit for the Brinkerhoff 3A has not gone to public notice yet and still has to go through the interval review process. You will receive a letter when the draft permit goes to public notice.

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**Chris Brown, P.G.**  
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**From:** Yalung, Michelle <[Michelle.Yalung@meritenergy.com](mailto:Michelle.Yalung@meritenergy.com)>  
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**To:** Brown, Christopher <[Brown.Christopher.T@epa.gov](mailto:Brown.Christopher.T@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Brinkerhoff 3A Application Question

Hi Chris,

Hope you are doing well!

Do you have any updates on the applications for the Brinkerhoff 3A & Tribal C-13 SWD? Have we been moved on to the public comment period on both of these?

Best regards,

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**Subject:** RE: Brinkerhoff 3A Application Question

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Great, thanks for the quick reply!

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**Subject:** RE: Brinkerhoff 3A Application Question

Good morning Chris,

We have double checked each of the mentioned documents and Merit does not believe any of these need to remain confidential.

Have a great weekend!

Best regards,

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Good morning Michelle,

In accordance with 40 CFR 144.5, information submitted to EPA as part of a UIC permit application will be available to the public unless specifically claimed as “confidential business information” at the time of submission. While the Brinkerhoff 3A application did not identify any material as confidential business information in accordance with the regulation, I noticed that a couple pages bear a “confidential” stamp or marking. Specifically, these include:

April 13, 2021 Permit Application

- Exhibit E: ChampionX Water Analysis Report for samples collected on 2/3/21 – Page 17 and 18
- Exhibit G: ChampionX Water Analysis Report for sample collected on 2/8/18 – Page 22

July 6, 2021 Response to Comments

- Appendix A: BLM Sundry Notice dated April 6, 1988 – Page 30
- Appendix A: BLM Sundry Notice dated September 20, 1988 – Page 29
- Appendix A: BLM Sundry Notice dated May 7, 1999 – Page 16
- Appendix N: ChampionX Water Analysis Reports for samples collected on 4/8/21 and 2/14/18 – Pages 2 and 6

Please provide a response by 8/27/21 and let me know whether Merit is claiming any portions of these pages as confidential business information. If so, please identify the specific portions that are the subject of the claim.

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